GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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Ecology of Kedarnath Valley
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ecology of Kedarnath valley is being affected due to helicopter service being operated in the valley;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) the steps/measures taken by the Government with regard to environmental conservation and maintaining the ecological balance in this region?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a)&(b) As informed by the State Government of Uttarakhand, there is no scientific evidence to prove that the ecology of Kedarnath Valley is being affected due to helicopter service being operated in the valley

(c)State Forest Department is maintaining a strict vigil to stop poaching and damage to wildlife habitat in the area for environmental conservation and maintaining the ecological balance in the region. Wildlife Institute of India has been entrusted with a study to assess the effect, if any, of Helicopter Services in Kedarnath Valley on the wildlife of the area.

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